

# HF Happenings 748

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## World Amateur Radio Day on 18 April marks the IARU's 92nd Anniversary

World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) on Tuesday, April 18, will mark the 92nd anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) and radio amateurs around the world will take to the airwaves to celebrate the day in 1925 that the IARU was formed in Paris. "Celebrating Amateur Radio's Contribution to Society" is the WARD theme.

Amateur Radio experimenters were the first to discover that the shortwave spectrum - far from being a wasteland - could support worldwide propagation. In the rush to use these shorter wavelengths, Amateur Radio was "in grave danger of being pushed aside," IARU's history notes. Amateur Radio pioneers met in Paris in 1925 and created the IARU to support Amateur Radio worldwide.

Just 2 years later, at the International Radiotelegraph Conference, Amateur Radio gained the allocations still recognized today - 160, 80, 40, 20 and 10 metres. Since its founding, the IARU has worked tirelessly to defend and expand the frequency allocations for Amateur Radio. Thanks to the support of enlightened administrations in every part of the globe, radio amateurs are now able to experiment and communicate in frequency bands strategically located throughout the radio spectrum.

From the 25 countries that formed the IARU in 1925, the IARU has grown to include 160 member-societies in three regions. IARU Region 1 includes Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Northern Asia. Region 2 covers the Americas and Region 3 is comprised of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific island nations and most of Asia. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has recognized the IARU as representing the interests of Amateur Radio.

World Amateur Radio Day is the day when IARU member-societies can demonstrate the capabilities of Amateur Radio to the public and enjoy global friendship with other radio amateurs around the globe.

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## April

to 9 April - Stars of Sandstone, Ficksburg

1 - **RaDAR Challenge**; April Fools Day

6 - van Riebeeck Day; **SARL 80 m QSO Party**

8 - **Autumn QRP Sprint**

8 to 15 Klein-Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees

11 to 17 - Pesach

13 - Holy Thursday

14 - Good Friday

14 to 16 - Slow festival, Sedgfield

15 - Two Oceans Marathon

16 - Easter Sunday

17 - Family Day

18 - **World Amateur Radio Day**; All Schools open

21 - **RAE Registration closes**

21 to 29 joBerg2C

22 - SARL Noise Floor Workshop

23 - **ZS4 Sprint**

24 - Isra and Mi'raj; **Closing date for articles for the May Radio ZS**

24 to 30 - AfrikaBurn, Tankwa Karoo

27 - Freedom Day

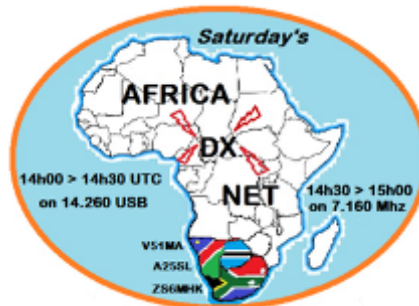
27 to 30 - Karoo Food Festival,

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## DXCC Yearbook

The 2016 ARRL DXCC Yearbook, which includes the Clinton B. DeSoto Challenge top scorers and the Annual Listing, can be found at [www.arrl.org/files/file/DXCC/DXCCYearbook/DXCC%20YEARBOOK%202016.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/DXCC/DXCCYearbook/DXCC%20YEARBOOK%202016.pdf). The Annual Listing of DXCC membership contains the call signs and credited totals for new awards and endorsements during the calendar year period from 1 January to 31 December 2016. The DXCC Honour Roll includes those who are within 9 entities of the "current" Entity count for Mixed, Phone, CW and Digital modes. As of 31 December 2016, there were 339 Entities on the DXCC List and entry level DXCC Honour Roll was achieved at level 330.



## African DX

Morocco, CN. Special event station 5C12SIA operates around the 12th International Exhibition of Agriculture in Meknes from 18 to 23 April. QSL via CN8WW, direct.

Algeria, 7X. Toufik, 7X2DE who is now a member of the CWJF group, plans to participate in the CQMM DX Contest. QSL via PY4KL.

Togo, 5V. David, OK6DJ and Petr, OK1FCJ will be active as 5V7P from Lome between 21 to 28 April. Activity will be on 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Their equipment consists of 2 x Elecraft K3 with amps into vertical antennas (160, 80, 40 and 30 m), a Hexbeam and a Spider-beam. QSL via OK6DJ, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details, see <http://www.cdxcz>

Namibia, V5. Stefan, HB9JAB will be active as V51/HB9JAB while touring Namibia in a campervan between 18 April and 8 May. QSL via eQSL and LoTW.

Ceuta and Melilla, EA9. Ten ops from the Tortugas CW Group will be active as EG9TOR from Melilla between 18 and 22 May, switching to the ED9T call sign for the 2017 King of Spain CW Contest on 21 and 22 May. Most of their activity will be on CW though they will do some SSB and digital mode operating as well, on all HF bands. QSL via EA4PN or use OQRS for a direct or bureau card, or LoTW or eQSL.

Eritrea, E3. Zorro, JH1AJT, will once again visit Eritrea to participate in Eritrean Independence Ceremony in May. The dates will be between 19 and 29 May. On this trip, the following operators will be with him: Franz, DJ9ZB, Champ, E21EIC, and Dima, RA9USU. Activity will be on 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. Call signs to be used are E31AA and E39DI. During this time, Zorro will also be active from Dahlak Island (AF-038) using the callsign E39DI for a few days mainly on 160 to 40 metres. QSL both call signs via JH1AJT. Added Note: At this time, Zorro will visit Eritrea to discuss topics such as:

- \* Coordinate Pre-game training camp for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic in Japan.
- \* Select students for scholarship program for Junior-high school, high school and university to study at schools of SEISA in Japan.
- \* Additionally, students of SEISA Kokusai High School will present a performance of Japanese traditional drum known as Dakonhon.

Botswana, A2. A Russia team will be active from Botswana sometime in mid-September. Operators mentioned are Yuri, RM0F (A25BI), Pavel, R2AD (A25SP) and YL Elena, RC5A (A25BE). Activity will be on 160 to 6 metres using CW and SSB. QSL all operators via ClubLog's OQRS (direct and Bureau) or LoTW (except R2AD).

Burundi, 9U. Members of the Mediterraneo DX Club (MDXC) are planning to be on the road again but this time to Africa to reach their next operation. They will be active from Bujumbura on the banks of the Tanganyika Lake. The leader of the group will be Antonio, IZ8CCW, and the co-leader Gabriele, I2VGW. Both are happy to announce to the DX Community their new adventure with the international MDXC team to Burundi 2017. The license is already in the leaders hands and they will be active as 9U4M between 6 and 17 November. According to the evaluations that they have done, they are confident to give to a lot of DXers the possibility to work this Country on the lower bands, the WARC bands and especially on the Digital modes. Now the team is already built with experienced operators - 20 people coming from eight countries. They will be on the air with five sta-

### Cradock

28 - School Holiday  
28 and 29 Prince Albert Town and Olive Festival  
29 and 30 - Haenertsburg Food, Wine and Beer Festival; Pringle Bay Village Festival  
30 - Knysna Motor Show

### May

1 - Workers Day  
5 and 6 - Riebeeck Valley Olive Festival  
5 to 7 - SARL National Convention  
6 and 7 - AWA Valve QSO Party  
7 - Ngwenya Country Market  
14 - Mothers day  
19 to 21 - Dayton Hamvention  
20 - Radio Amateur Examination; Wakkerstroom Natural Fibre Handcraft Fair  
21 - ZS3 Sprint  
25 - Ascension Day; Closing date Radio ZS June  
25 to 27 - Handcraft Exhibition, Fish Hoek  
26 - Start of Ramadan  
26 to 28 - SA Bike Festival, Kyalami  
28 - SARL Digital Contest  
31 - Republic Day; Shavuot

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tions, on any mode, around the clock. For any further news and updates, please stay tuned - the official web site of this new great adventure is coming soon. Of course, any donation and sponsorship will be very appreciated by the entire team!

## African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz



Cape Verde, D4. Tony, CT1FFU, will be active as D4T from Ilha do Sal (AF-086), Cape Verde between 18 and 25 April. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands, 6 and 4m. QSL via CT1FFU, direct or bureau and LoTW.

Seychelles, S7. Ivan, LZ1PJ, will be active as S79J from the Lemongrass Lodge on Mahe Island (AF-024) between 2 and 10 May. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands on CW only using an Icom IC-706, LDG ATU and simple antennas (G5RV and/or DunaX multiband vertical). He will also give out SKCC QSOs. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau and possibly LoTW.

Guinea-Bissau, J5. The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as J5T from Bubaque Island (AF-020), Guinea-Bissau in mid-November (exact dates TBA). Eight operators (I1HJT, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT, IK2RZP and JA3USA) will be active on 160 to 10 metres CW and SSB with four stations; RTTY will be used on one band only, to be selected depending on propagation. QSL via I2YSB and LoTW 6 months after the DXpedition. More information, including a band and mode survey, real-time log search and OQRS for direct cards, can be found at <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/>. Updates will be posted to a dedicated forum on [www.hamradioweb.net](http://www.hamradioweb.net).

## Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 10 to 17 April 2017

### 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 10 April

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 30 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://qrpccontest.com/4sgrp>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [http://www.4sgrp.com/SSS/sss\\_rules.pdf](http://www.4sgrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf)

### NAQCC CW Sprint

00:30 - 02:30 UTC 12 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Key Type

Mult: 2x if straight key, 1.5x if bug, 1x if other

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 16 April 2017

E-mail logs to: [naqcc33@windstream.net](mailto:naqcc33@windstream.net)

Upload log at: <http://naqcc.info/sprintlog.html>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://naqcc.info/sprint/sprint201704.html>

### Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 12 April

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country  
non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 14 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [http://www.perluma.com/Phone\\_Fray\\_Contest\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf)

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#### CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 12 April and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 13 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 15 April 2017

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

#### RSGB 80 m Club Championship, SSB

19:00 - 20:30 UTC 12 April

Geographic Focus: United Kingdom

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: United Kingdom

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RS and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 13 April 2017

Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2017/r80mcc.shtml>

#### NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 14 April

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 16 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

#### NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 14 April

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 16 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>



#### Holyland DX Contest

21:00 UTC 14 April to 21:00 UTC 15 April

Geographic Focus: Israel

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB, digital or mixed; Single Op QRP; Multi-Single; SWL

Max power: non-QRP: >10 watts; QRP: 10 watts

Exchange: 4X: RS(T) and area; non-4X: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO on 160 - 40 m; 1 point per QSO on 20 - 10 m

Multipliers: Each 4X area once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 May 2017

E-mail logs to: [4Z4KX@iarc.org](mailto:4Z4KX@iarc.org)

Upload log at: <http://www.iarc.org/iarc/#LogUpload>

Mail logs to: Contest Manager 4Z4KX, Israel Amateur Radio Club, Box 17600, Tel Aviv 61176, Israel

Find rules at: <http://www.iarc.org/iarc/#HolylandContest>

#### Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest

06:00 UTC 15 April to 05:59 UTC 16 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - CW, SSB or mixed - QRP, low or high; Single Op Field Day Mixed - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - CW, SSB or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op Mixed - low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: CW: 5 watts/SSB: 10 watts

Exchange: BY: RS(T) and 2-character province; non-BY: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each BY province once per band; Each DXCC country once per band

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Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 23 April 2017  
E-mail logs to: [mulandxc@gmail.com](mailto:mulandxc@gmail.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://www.mulandxc.org/438>

#### CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest

12:00 UTC 15 April to 23:59 UTC 16 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op All Band YL; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Multi-Single  
Max power: High: 1 500 watts; Low: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: All: RST and continent abbreviation; CWJF members: RST, continent and "M"; QRP: RST, continent and "Q"; YL: RST, continent and "Y"; Multi-Op, Clubs, Groups: RST, continent and "C"  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO on 20-10 m with different country same continent; 4 points per QSO on 80-40 m with different country same continent; 3 points per QSO on 20-10 m with different continent; 6 points per QSO on 80-40 m with different continent; 3 points per QSO with maritime mobile; 10 points per QSO with CWJF member, YL or QRP station  
Multipliers: Each SA prefix once per band; Each DXCC country once only  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 16 May 2017  
E-mail logs to: [cwjf@cqmmdx.com](mailto:cwjf@cqmmdx.com)  
Mail logs to: CWJF Group, PO Box 410, Juiz de Fora - MG 36001-970, Brazil  
Find rules at: <http://www.cqmmdx.com/rules/>

#### YU DX Contest

12:00 UTC 15 April to 11:59 UTC 16 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band CW - QRP, low or high; Single Op All Band - SSB or mixed - low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single  
Max power: HP: legal limit; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 10 watts  
Exchange: YU/YT: RS(T) and County; non-YU/YT: RS(T) and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band per mode  
QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with YU/YT station; 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with same continent; 4 points per QSO with different continent  
Multipliers: Each YU or YT prefix once per band; Each DXCC country once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 26 April 2017  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <http://213.198.236.161:82/HF-Robot/index-HF.jsp>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [http://www.yudx.yu1srs.org.rs/2017/INTERNATIONAL\\_YUDX\\_HF\\_CONTEST.pdf](http://www.yudx.yu1srs.org.rs/2017/INTERNATIONAL_YUDX_HF_CONTEST.pdf)

#### Michigan QSO Party

16:00 UTC 15 April to 04:00 UTC 16 April  
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi; Mobile Solo Op (LP only); Mobile Multi-Op (LP only); MI EOC  
Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W  
Exchange: MI: Serial no and county; non-MI: Serial no and state, province or "DX"  
Work stations: Once per band per mode  
QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW QSO  
Multipliers: MI Stations: Each state, province, MI county and one DX once per mode; non-MI Stations: Each MI county once per mode  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 15 May 2017  
Upload log at: <http://www.miqp.org/submitLogFileMiQP.html>  
Mail logs to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, USA  
Find rules at: <http://www.miqp.org/Rules.htm>

#### EA-QRP CW Contest

17:00 - 20:00 UTC (10 - 20 m) and 20:00 - 23:00 UTC 15 April (40 - 80 m) and 07:00 - 09:00 UTC 16 April (40 m) and 09:00 - 12:00 UTC 16 April (20 - 10 m)  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: A: Single Op QRPp; B: Single Op QRP  
Max power: QRP: 5 watts; QRPp: 1 watt  
Exchange: RST, 1-letter category and "M" (if EA-QRP member)  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 points per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with same continent; 4 points per QSO with different continent; 5 points per QSO with category A station  
Multipliers: Each EA-QRP member once per band; Each country once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 16 May 2017  
E-mail logs to: [eaqrp\\_test@yahoo.es](mailto:eaqrp_test@yahoo.es)  
Mail logs to: EAQRP Contests, Apartado 17, E-16080 Cuenca, Spain  
Find rules at: <http://www.eaqrp.com/index.php/actividades/concurso?id=209>

#### Feld Hell Sprint

18:00 - 21:59 UTC 15 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: Feld Hell  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: (none)  
Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: (see rules)

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Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 19 April 2017

Upload log at: <https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/>

[Home/contests/sprints/something-old-something-new-sprint](https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprints/something-old-something-new-sprint)



Ontario QSO Party

18:00 UTC 15 April to 05:00 UTC 16 April and 12:00 - 18:00

UTC 16 April

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m

Classes: Fixed: Multi-Single; Fixed: Multi-Two; Fixed: Multi-Multi; Fixed: Single Op Mixed - QRP, low or high; Fixed: Single Op CW - low or high; Fixed: Single Op Phone - low or high; Rover/Mobile: Multi-Op; Rover/Mobile: Single Op; Youth Plus  
Max power: HP: >150 W; LP: 150 W; QRP: 5 W

Exchange: ON: RS(T) and county; non-ON: RST and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points CW QSO; Bonus: 300 points for each ON multiplier activated by a Rover/Mobile (at least 3 QSOs with 3 different stations); 10 points per QSO with VA3CCO, VE3ODX or VA3RAC

Multipliers: ON Stations: Each ON county, state, province and country once per band; non-ON Stations: each ON county once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and Bonus Points

Submit logs by: 16 May 2017

Upload log at: <http://www.va3cco.com/oqp/submitlog.htm>

Mail logs to: Contest Club Ontario; 9 White Crest Court; St Catharines, ON L2N 6Y1, Canada

Find rules at: <http://www.va3cco.com/oqp/rules.htm>

North Dakota QSO Party

18:00 UTC 15 April to 18:00 UTC 16 April

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m

Classes: Fixed; Portable; Mobile; Out of State

Exchange: ND: RS(T) and County; non-ND: RS(T) and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: ND Stations: each state/province and ND county once; Non-ND Stations: each ND county once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 15 May 2017

E-mail logs to: [w0nd@arri.org](mailto:w0nd@arri.org)

Mail logs to: W0ND, c/o Lynn Nelson, 3204 Willow Lane SE, Minot, ND 58701, USA

Find rules at: <http://w0nd.com/>

WAB 3.5/7/14 MHz Data Modes

12:00 - 14:00 UTC (RTTY) and 14:00 - 16:00 UTC (PSK) and

18:00 - 20:00 UTC (RTTY) and 20:00 - 22:00 UTC (PSK) 16 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY, PSK31

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op RTTY; Single Op PSK31; Club/Multi-Op

RTTY; Club/Multi-Op PSK31; SWL

Exchange: British Isles: RS, serial no and WAB square; Other:

RS, serial no and country

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 7 May 2017

E-mail logs to: [g3xkt@worked-all-britain.org.uk](mailto:g3xkt@worked-all-britain.org.uk)

Mail logs to: Tony Beardsley, G3XKT, 14 York Avenue, Sandi-acre, Nottingham NG10 5HB, United Kingdom

Find rules at: <http://wab.intermip.net/Contests.php>

ARRL Rookie SSB Roundup

18:00 - 23:59 UTC 16 April

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: North America

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: Single Op Rookie; Multi-Op Rookie; Non-Rookies

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: Name, 2-digit year first licensed and state, province, XE area or DX

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-rookie; 2 points per QSO with rookie

Multipliers: Each US state and DC once; Each VE province once; Each XE call area once; One DX once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 19 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.b4h.net/arrlrrr/scoresubmission.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

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#### Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 17 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23 April 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://grpcontest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://grpcontest.com/pigrun/>

#### Low Power Spring Sprint

#### Next Week's Contests

Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 19 April

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00

UTC 19 April and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 20 April

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 21 April

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 21 April

QRP to the Field, 08:00 - 18:00 local 22 April

SP DX RTTY Contest, 12:00 UTC 22 April to 12:00 UTC 23 April

UK/EI DX Contest, CW, 12:00 UTC 22 April to 12:00 UTC 23 April

Nebraska QSO Party, 13:00 UTC 22 April to 01:00 UTC 23 April and 13:00 - 22:00 UTC 23 April

BARTG Sprint 75, 17:00 - 20:59 UTC 23 April

14:00 - 20:00 UTC 17 April

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op Single Band; Single Op Two/Three Band; Single Op All Band

Max power: A: 1 watt; C: 5 watts; Q: 25 watts; X: 50 watts; Y: 100 watts

Exchange: RST, 4-character grid square and power category (A/C/Q/X/Y)

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with same continent; 9 points per QSO with different continent; 18 points per QSO with OM station

Multipliers: Each grid square once per band; Each prefix once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 17 May 2017

E-mail logs to: [om3kfv@zoznam.sk](mailto:om3kfv@zoznam.sk)

Mail logs to: Radioklub OM3KfV, PO Box 3, 038 61 Vrutky, Slovakia

Find rules at: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/lowpowersprintsprint2017.pdf>



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